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THE village lights are all aglow; The Christmas chimes ring o'er the

The stockings hang upon the line, The little ones by yours and mine, And in the firelight flickering here It almost seems small hands appear.

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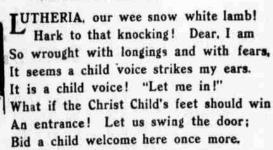
H, little feet that passed unshod Up the long way that leads to God, Your empty stocking of pink wool My restless hands have crowded full. I could not let the night go by; Tomorrow, husband, you and I The useless, idle gifts will take Somewhere and give them-for her sake.

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ER little hands, they were so tree Plenty for Bennie and for me. Almost I hear her cheery voice As she lets Bennie take his choice Of the small gifts and sweetmeats we Had handed from her Christmas tree.

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How fair his face, how blue his eyes! It is the Christ Child in disguise!

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DLEASE, I am Luther, from the home. The matron said that I should come To wish you merry Christmastide And, maybe, some sweet wish beside, Because my mother last year hung Candies for me green boughs among, But this year in God's heaven she Holds some child there upon her knee And sings the pretty Christ Child song

She sang to me one whole hour long In our own warm fire's light last year. And so, you see, tonight I'm here Because the matron said that you Needed a merry Christmas too.

OH, child, come here! The door shall close!

Your mother's breast my darling knows. And mine shall take you, child, tonight, While down from heaven a ray of light Falls on us both, a ray divine, Linking your mother's love with mine.



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clation | TOU want grandma to tell you a Christmas story? Well, the only one that comes to my mind just now happened a long time ago, when I was about as old as Dorothy is now.

We had been having such a big day! All of our relatives had been there to dinner, and as there were lots of little cousins we certainly did play-

We had two big turkeys for dinner, and our mamma let us eat just all we wanted

Well, the aunts, uncles and cousins went away late in the afternoon, and mamma was so tired that papa sug gested that she go to bed and that he and sister and I find our suppers for ourselves in the kitchen. So we did Much as we had eaten at noon, we were bungry again and asked paps to one of the turkeys The



wings and legs and most of the white meat had already been cut off, but we found lots of good meat on it just the same When we were through there was nothing but the bones left on the platter, so we left it on the kitchen table and scampered off to bed.

About midnight I was awakened by a peculiar noise. My little sister Lolly and I slept in our own little room off the dining foom To get to papa's and mamma's room we had to go through the dining room and sitting room. Well, as I said, I beard a queer noise, and I listened, my beart thumping furiously as I did so.

There was some one out in the kitchen It must surely be a burgiar. I could hear the soft step, step, and tell you I was so frightened I could hardly move. I must let papa know. But how? If I called I would scare the burgiar, and be might come in after me-at least, so I thought, I finally decided to cover up my head and just wait. Then I remembered that that very day I had beard papa tell Upcle Ned that I was the bravest child be ever saw. That settled it:

You never could guess how much bravery it took for me to get out of bed carefully without making any noise and slip along so slowly through the dark rooms without bumping any thing till I reached my papa's bed. He took the revolver which he always kept under his pillow, and while he started noiselessly for the kitchen, I crawled in with mamma. was shaking with fright

Papa, holding the cocked revolver in front of him, silently walked out and suddenly opened the kitchen door. "Who's here?" he asked.

Not an answer came. He lit a match, and guess what be found! Little Pooky, our Maltese kitty, with her head and front feet fast inside the turkey skeleton. She had been pushing it around on the floor trying to get out and had made the noise we had heard. We had forgot ten to put her in her bed down cellar.

++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ CHRISTMAS EVERYWHERE.

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine,

Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where cornfields lie Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay, Christmas where old men are patient and gray, Christmas where peace,

dove in its flight. Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight-Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

For the Christ Child who comes is the Master of all, palace too great and no cottage too small. The angels who welcome him sing from the height, "In the city of David, a king in his mont"

Everywhere, everywhere, Christ-mas tonight! en let every heart keep its Christmas within. Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's

hatred of sin, Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right, Christ's courage for right, Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light— Everywhere, everywhere, Christ-mas tonight!

the stars of the midnight which compass us round Shall see a strange glory an hear a sweet sound And cry: "Look, the earth is aflame with delight, sons of the morning, rejoice at

Everywhere, everywhere, Christ--Rev. Phillips Brooks.

the bird-Hum hes of on the the pasts of houses I very pase dam and every bear I at the 121 survey a penny or two to of or'ts for the birds to uston, and one that might well be adopted in other countries

Christmas on the Ocean. Notices are posted in the first class sompanionways of the Atlantic liners that the stewardesses have undressed dolls in their charge for distribution among the poor children of London at Christmas, Passengers are invited to dress the dolls on the voyage, and the materiais can be purchased on board.

You may be able to convince your-self that contentment is better than great riches—if you have both.

++++++++++++++++++++++++ A LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUS.

To the Editor of This Paper: To the Editor of This Paper:
Sir—Won't somebody please
stop the rumor that is fast gaining ground? Not only grownups, but nearly every boy and
girl, on being questioned will
promptly say, with a nice little
shake of the head, "There is no
Santa Claus." Now, this in
sentity head on a fallow who has pretty hard on a fellow who has been "on the job" hundreds of

I am going to ask a favor of my still faithful followers, wherever they may be, hoping that some time I will be able to serve them once more. This is what they are to do: Send one present without ent, say, to some one without having their names appear. Imagine the surprise and delight and guesses as to who might have sent it. The receiver may have sent it. The receiver may exclaim, "It must have come from Santy." or, more probably, he or she will radiate amiles to every one, seet ig in each friend and relative a possible sender. This w." warm, he heart of SANTA CLAUS.

SANTA CLAUS. The North Pole, December, 1914.

CITY CHARTER

lacksonville Civic League Gathers Data and Suggestions For New Municipal Charter

Jacksonville.-A committee of three from the Central Civic committee will visit each of the civic leagues, clubs and other organizations of such nature during the next two or three weeks for mulate plans and outlines which may be concentrated in the drafting of a new city charter. This committee, consisting of W. H. Pingree, John W. Lynch and H. H. Simmons, was appointed at the sessions of the body held in the Jacksonville board

Members of the various committees expressed their opinions of various councilmen in terms that were not of praise and pointed out that it would take phenomenal nerve on the part of some of them to ask the voters of the city to support them in another election.

With regard to a cross town car line, Winthrop street was suggested as being in many ways preferable to Howard avenue or Eighth street, In way, it was pointed out, the line would run directly eastward from Florida avenue, avoiding many obsta-

THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Jacksonville.-When the Duval coun ty delegation to the state legislature leaves for the capital city next spring, members will be expected to work for a passage of a bill permitting the citizens of the city to vote upon a \$250,000 bond issue for a municipal market. The select committee named some time ago by the council to investigate the sentiment of the citizens reported and the resolutions were adopted.

Jacksonvill many years was seen in Jacksonville last week by several hundred people in the west end of the city. In some places it was several inches deep This is an extremely unusual thing for Florida, but those who saw it were not very much surprised, owing to the cold weather felt here. Those who saw the cold messengers from the north pile up little banks, watched it only a short while, as it slowly began to melt and run away.

Tampa.-One-tenth, or \$50,000 of the first \$500,000 brick roads bonds voted by the county is still available for use by the county commissioners. mye then Christmas It is a beautiful and \$55,000 more will be on hand when the second issue, now being signed by Chairman J. L. Hackney, of the commissioners, and Circuit Court Clerk W. P. Culbreath, are delivered to their underwriters in New York. The commissioners have completed 22 miles of the brick roads, and con tracts have been let for 20 miles more. The plant City road contract will be or 20 miles more. It is estimated that roads built from the second bond issue will cover 50 miles, the cost of these roads being less than the main thoroughfares already built because of the lesser width.

St. Augustine.—At a special meeting of the chamber of commerce to act upon the resolutions endorsing the issuing of bouds for a municipal sewerage system and the calling of a bonding election, the members pres ent heartily endorsed the measure and the resolutions were adopted. It should be remembered that the greater portion of St. Augustine is already supplied with a series of private sewers, but these give trouble from time to time and cause complications.

River.-State Shellfish Crystal Commissioner Hodges arrived in Crystal River on board the state's official boat Seafoam and will remain here several days in conference with the oyster dealers and making an in spection of the oyster industry at this point. The Seafoam was en route to Fernandina, but on account of the ar rival of the Fish Hawk, the large steamer used by the United States Fish Commission, in Florida waters. for the purpose of making a survey of the water bottoms of the state she will return to Apalachicola before proceeding south.

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NAVY YARD ACTIVE SCENE

Will Be Made So By Reason Of Fact That It is Headquarters Of Aeronautic Activities

Pensacola. - That the Pensacola navy yard will become the scene of Annual Inspection of Arm more activity than it would if it was in commission as any ordinary yard the purpose of persuading them to for-by reason of the fact that it is the headquarters of the aeronautic activities of the United States navy, is the statement of those well versed in the plans of the department. .

This is practically borne out by the recommendation of the general board of the navy, of which Admiral Dewey is chairman, for the immediate expenditure of \$5,000,000 on the aviation branch of the service. Secretary Daniels favors the rapid development of ment of Adjt. Gen. Cli aeronautics, while Captain Mark L. in the general order Bristil, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, has recommended to the house committee the purchase of two hundred aeroplanes of various types of dirigibles.

The captain was one of the officers to select Pensacola as headquarters of the air fleet and for more than a year the avitators have been receiving their training at the navy yard, while the fleet of machines has been increased from five to twelve machines.

Preparations are now being made at he yard for the creation of permanent hangers for the aeroplanes and sheds for the dirigibles, while many of the more experienced aviators, who have been in Europe for the past three months, as naval attaches in order that they might watch the work there, are expected to return early in the year.

BAPTIST WOMEN MEET

Woman's Missionary Union of Florida Held Interesting Session at Pensacola

Pensacola.—The twee graftrst annual meeting of the W. M. U., auxiliary to the State Baptist Convention, was held in the First Methodist church, Pensacola. The session was opened with a devotional service, conducted by Mrs. B. M. Bean. The singing of "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," favorite verses of Scripture repeated, and an earnest prayer made this devotional service inspiring and devotional in the very opening of the meeting.

Mrs. M. C. Wambolt, president, took the chair and in the absence of Mrs. J. A. Lamb, recording secretary, appointed Mrs. S. E. Rogers to act in that capacity. Mesdames A. P. Montague and Pierpont were appointed press committee, and Mesdames John H. Pace, E. R. Pendleton, H. L. Covington and L. E. Durham, enrollment

A very gracious and cordial wencome was given by Mrs. N. C. Mc-Millan and responded to in a very happy manner by Mrs. Arnold.

King's Counsel. King's counsel differ from all other English lawyers King's counsel are appointed by patent from the crown on application from the ford chancel lor, and can act as judges of assize when named in the commission. They have in many ways precedence over other lawyers and rank among themseives according to seniority. The robes of king's counsel are of silk instead of stuff like those of ordinary barristers. It is the established rule of the profession that no king's cou shall conduct any case without the employment of a junior counsel.

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State National Guard

in February

FEDERAL VISITORS Officers And Tacticians States Army Will Be P

Jacksonville.-That the s eral inspection of the Florid Guard will be made during of Februaray, 1915, is throughout the state. tion a letter was rece Gen. A. L. Mills, chief, United States organiz ing with the alloting

to the militia. After a careful st of the strength and organized militia, the that a large number of L were carried on the rolls who coul dnot be depende spond to call for troopsax there is no doubt that con re receiving allotmen; imately \$12.50 a year

who are not available The letter further st s unfair to the United 475 members were abse federal inspection, which responding loss of the for each member. To war department is change in regulations. federal appropriation number of men pre

tion. This contemplated manders to have the attendance at the ann February, which is th ceremony of the year. recommends that co ers discharge all me impossible to attend of business or other . and to recruit new places immediately. ganization up to th scribed.

Pensacon Anoth as left port, havin Cette, France, the British steamer Col taking out this is and this is the last for such product. T went to Ancona, Italy er Romansby, which port in Italy. Anot Selene, flying the I be in port some time believed.

Wete W Tampa.-With out of forty-nic vote in the coun 188 dry, a wet than twenty-five by the two missing city precincts gave i 887 against a chang cinct in the city going however, contained a one saloon will be ness by the result

Ready for To-morrow

Horses digest their feed less thorougother farm animals. In order to insure digestion of all the food eaten, and to me